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N. M. OIL FIELDS INTO LIMELIGHT

Widespread Operations About to Get Under Way in Southeastern Part of State

NEXT BIG FIELD, SAY EXPERTS

Dayton, Kenna and Carlsbad to Be Centers of Activity Within Short Time

The Pecos valley, in eastern New Mexico, especially the southeastern part, is coming in for more and more attention from oil men, many of whom prophesy that that district will be the world's next great oil field. Oil has been known to exist there for years and a well is actually operating at Lakewood, near Dayton, near which point the excitement seems to be centering. According to all the experts who have visited that section all that is necessary to get the oil is to put the drill down, for they are positive that the whole country thereabouts is underlaid with oil, and most of them prophesy gushers, of the sort that made the Texas field famous.

Predicts Great New Oil Field

C. R. Cox of the newly organized Texas Control Consolidated Oil Co., and president of the El Paso stock exchange, who is regarded as authority on all matters pertaining to the location of oil, recently visited the new field in the Pecos valley and has made a statement that in that section will shortly be developed one of the great oil fields in the history of the world. As Mr. Cox has never yet failed to "call the turn" on a new field, his prediction is one that carries great weight.

To Drill Near Kenna

The Great Western Oil & Refining Co., which has its offices at Roswell, Co., now planning to put down a deep well test at Kenna, near Dayton, where they have leases amounting to 40,000 acres. This has also recently acquired interests in the Brownwood field and will drill four wells on leases they have there.

It is reported from Alamogordo that over one-half a million acres of land in the Tularosa basin of Otero county have been located as oil lands, 700,000 of which were located during the month of April.

Lumber and timber for the building of derricks for three new wells to be drilled in the Pecos oil field are being unloaded and will be hauled to the sites selected for the deep tests. One derrick will be erected by the El Paso-Sunshine company, a few miles north of Pecos, and the other two will be built by the Sunshine Oil corporation. The Laura well is still being drilled night and day and is now in the red Permian rock. The Pecos Lease company has ordered its rig to start drilling a well two miles south of Pecos. The Pecos Oil Lease company will also drill south of Pecos. This company embraces a number of New Mexico men on its board of directors. It is reported that a new Texas company will sink twenty wells in the Pecos region.

The Pecos Cooperative Lot Owners' Association, with whom J. G. Cooper and W. D. Murray are identified, also plans to drill two miles south of Pecos. Mr. Cooper returned Sunday from a trip to that point.

At Carlsbad, Too.

New Mexico's oil thermometer has been going up at the rate of several degrees a day, the reported discovery of oil at Farmington and the claim that the Standard Oil company will drill near Carlsbad, serving to heighten the excitement.

Reports from Carlsbad indicate that H. E. Trowbridge of New York City, said to represent the Standard Oil interests, made a brief investigation late last week. Homer P. Lee, who is represented as the manager of the leases around Carlsbad, is expected this week to select a location for actual development work.

Excitement at Farmington

The situation at Farmington amounts practically to a riot, according to late reports. Mesa Verde well No. 2 is said to have struck oil bearing sands when down scarcely 850 feet. People living in the vicinity received the news with enthusiasm and left for the scene. Automobiles could hardly be secured at Durango, Colo., since people there were

DEMING MAN GETS BIG ENGINEERING JOB

El Paso Times Comments on R. E. Hardaway's Employment on Survey of Scenic Drive

(El Paso Times)

R. E. Hardaway, one of the leading civil engineers in the country and one who is peculiarly fitted for the work, has been engaged by Mayor Davis and the city council to make a survey of Scenic Drive from Scenic Point around the base of the mountain to some point on Dyer street.

Mr. Hardaway is a specialist in railroad relocations. He has had wide experience in reducing railroad grades, curves and distances and the members of the city administration regard themselves as being very fortunate in being able to secure his services in the laying out of Scenic drive.

Scenic drive is not regarded by engineers as a simple piece of work, as portions of it will be high up on the side of the mountain. Mr. Hardaway will endeavor to lay out a drive that will provide the maximum scenery and at the same time take into consideration the matter of keeping the costs at a minimum.

Mr. Hardaway has done railroad relocation work on the Seaboard Airline in Georgia and Alabama, on the Austin & Northwestern in Texas, and on the following Southern Pacific lines in Mexico: Near Alamos, Sonora; between Durango and Canitos, near Zacatecas, Plan Barrancas, Miravalles Canon, from Nogales to Del Rio, near Cananea, and at several other points.

anxious to get lenses near the reported find.

Northern Capital Interested

Representatives of a Minnesota and Iowa syndicate have purchased the James M. Harvey interests in Quay and Curry counties. The new firm is to be called the Iowa Southern Oil & Gas Co. Mr. Harvey retained a large block of stock and will be general manager. More leases will be obtained in Quay county and drilling is expected to start in the near future. One derrick is now being built ten miles south of Tucuman and it is expected that actual drilling will start by May 1. The rig is capable of going down 4,000 feet, although the oil men expect to "hit" at 2,000 feet.

Kenna, in Roosevelt county, is experiencing a thrill in anticipation of an oil boom. Four hundred and thirty-seven town lots in Kenna, almost the entire village, were recently sold in one parcel and will be put on the market.

New Companies Form

Two more oil companies have been formed to promote development of the Tularosa Basin oil field. The Tularosa Petroleum and Gas Company, of Silver City, has been incorporated by C. A. Currier, Fred Rosenfeld and Jas. Royall, all of Silver City. The issuance authorized is \$100,000, of which \$2,000 is paid in.

The Parker Lake Oil Association, with holdings of over 7,000 acres in the southwest part of the Tularosa Basin, is the latest Las Cruces concern to appear planning development work in that section of the basin. Officers are E. M. Hayner, chairman; C. T. Seale, treasurer; Chas. Hill, secretary, and B. G. Dyne, trustee.

Next Big Field, Prophecy

El Paso Times:—The Tularosa Basin is to become one of the active oil fields of the southwest. This was assured last week when a deal was closed for nearly six sections of land in the basin. The land was sold by E. W. Hartman of El Paso and Alamogordo to R. M. Griswold and E. A. Leavenworth of Trinidad, Colo.; J. C. Swain of Wagon Mound, N. M., and Edmond Gardner of El Paso. The consideration was not made public. Mr. Hartman is one of the largest landowners in the basin, having acquired more than 20 townships of choice holdings in that district.

The deal was made following a trip over the basin by the purchasers, who are representing a number of eastern capitalists. According to Mr. Griswold's statement they have already formed a company known as the Tularosa Estate, Ltd. and expected to drill one or two deep test wells in the basin, on a site to be picked by geologists.

"We are very favorably impressed with the basin as a probable source of oil production," said Mr. Griswold, "and are convinced it will be a tremendous strike when it is made. I have never seen a region so favorable for oil, and geological conditions are of paramount importance in starting actual development."

Drill Coming from Ranger

According to Mr. Hartman two rigs are being shipped from Ranger by an



DEATH OF SAM SCHWING

Aged Citizen Passed Away Sunday After Brief Illness

Sam Schwing, one of Deming's best known citizens, died Sunday afternoon following a brief illness. His death occurred at one of his places on West Pine street, which was occupied by a tenant with the exception of the one room reserved by Mr. Schwing. He was in his 85th year.

Mr. Schwing had been in poor health for some time, but as late as Friday he was able to be out of doors, so that in spite of his advanced age his death was very much a shock to his friends. He was a native of Kentucky, coming to this state about 14 years ago. Since his location in Deming, he had acquired considerable property, being one of the town's largest landlords. His wife died several years ago, and he leaves no relatives in these parts. A niece, Kate Schwing of Los Angeles, is expected here today.

The funeral is this afternoon at two o'clock, at the M. E. church. Burial will be at Mountview, where his wife lies.

Y. M. C. A. Buildings Burned

Early Sunday morning the two buildings of the Y. M. C. A. near the 8th street entrance to Camp Cody, were destroyed by fire. The fire originated in a smaller structure close by, from what cause we were unable to learn. The Deming fire department responded promptly when the alarm was turned in, but the fire had gained too much headway when they arrived on the scene for it to be possible to save the building and it practically was a total ruin. Most of the valuable contents were removed and the loss was small. The fire company did good work, and the wind being favorable the fire was confined to the immediate buildings where it originated. One soldier was overcome by heat while fighting the fire and was removed to the hospital.

The Deming Ice & Electric Co. has leased the building at 106 West Pine street next to Deming National Bank and have moved their offices there.

operator who has filed a forfeit of \$4500 in an Alamogordo bank to begin drilling in 90 days. Three other operators in the Ranger field are considering sending rigs to the Tularosa basin.

The basin is traversed by many automobiles daily with parties looking for locations, but there is nothing of apparent value for oil purposes left.

Many thousands of acres of the very best land in the basin has been taken up by Las Cruces parties, who have very good reason to believe they are situated in the "cream" of the basin. Everyone has a word of confidence that the oil is merely awaiting the drill to spout forth its treasures. Several distinguished geologists have been retained and have spent days in the field, and have invariably recommended the basin as an oil reservoir of the first magnitude. They will not go so far as to state they know the oil is there, but they do all say that the requisite formations are there in abundance, and that from their experiences in a hundred fields they are satisfied a vast oil deposit will be opened. The drill is the only proof.

So positive are numerous residents here that this is going to be a "gusher" that many who had but a small investment a few weeks ago in the field are now endeavoring to "get in" deep.

HONOR MRS. THURMOND

Series of Parties and Dinners Celebrate 74th Birthday

The reaching of her 74th milestone by Mrs. Frank ("Ma") Thurmond Monday, April 21st, was made the occasion of a series of celebrations by her friends that lasted most of the week, in accordance with a custom started some years ago when A. W. Pollard, whose birthday falls on the same date inaugurated the custom by holding a dinner in joint celebration of the event, a custom unbroken in the Pollard home to this date.

The first celebration of this series was, needless to say, at the Pollard home on the evening of the 21st. Ten guests partook of an elaborate dinner, and Mrs. Thurmond received the first of an endless string of congratulations by her friends present.

On the afternoon of the 22d, Mrs. Thurmond was the guest of honor of the Golden Gossip ladies' club at Mrs. S. D. Swope's home. Mrs. J. R. Rogers commemorated the event with an original poem.

The following afternoon Mrs. A. W. Pollard entertained for Mrs. Thurmond at a bridge party, at which the following guests were present: Misses R. R. Ryan of Silver City; Walton and Springer of Albuquerque; H. G. Bush, J. G. Moir, Geo. Shepherd, M. A. Nordhaus, J. H. Rogers.

The same guests were entertained on the afternoon of the 25th by Mrs. J. G. Moir, at a bridge party, at which the following also were present: Misses Mary Hudson, M. Boucher, A. W. Pollard, Haywood.

The poem by Mrs. Rogers is given here in full:

Who is our honored guest today,
For whose continued health we pray
That sunshine always lighten her way?
—Mrs. Thurmond

Ulysses wife, Penelope,
Unrelieved—night—her work by day,
Her lovers to evade, they say,
Not so, Mrs. Thurmond.

She at the Red Cross daily sits—
And everlastingly she knits,
And sells old clothing—bit by bit,
—Mrs. Thurmond

Who sitteth at the canteen door,
And passeth tickets evermore,
To dancing soldier boys galore?
—Mrs. Thurmond

May happiness and peace attend,
All through the years unto the end
And each hope be fulfilled, our friend
—Mrs. Thurmond.

These flowers faintly represent
Heartfelt good wishes which are meant
This birthday offering we present
To Mrs. Thurmond.

Goats from California to Oklahoma

Some rather unique looking outfits may be seen passing through Deming occasionally—carrying strange passengers. Many of the tourists stopping here consist of whole families, including the faithful dog, but a new pace was set last week for the carrying capacities of the auto when Mr. J. E. Allen, of Miami, Oklahoma, passed through here with his family in his auto and three goats riding the running board. He had spent the winter at Long Beach, California. The goats were picked up on the way. As they passed through here, they were contentedly munching away on a bag of alfalfa which had been placed at their disposal at one end of their compartment—the running board.

"TIGERS TOO GOOD FOR D. H. S. BASEBALL TEAM

Causland Pitched Good Ball, but Team-mates Kicked in 16 Runs for Visitors

El Paso High's Tigers were too good for our high school team last Saturday, when despite good pitching by "Conny" Causland the home kids permitted the visitors to get away with 16 runs and were unable to circle the paths once on their own account. Six of El Paso's came in the final inning, when Causland was worn down by the endless succession of errors by his teammates, which seemed to reach a climax in that inning.

Outside of the box the El Paso team is not remarkably strong, but they are exceptionally well fortified there. Mulcahey being probably the best high school pitcher in the southwest. Report has it that this young man will go for a trial with the St. Louis Browns at the end of the school year, and while he didn't look that good Saturday showed entirely too much stuff for any high school team to do very much with. He permitted five shingles, but with men on bases he was unhit and Deming had no chance to score, with the El Pasoans playing errorless ball.

Deming's best chance came in the sixth when Ehrman and Ruebush led off with singles. Ehrman then stole third, but Mulcahey got down to business and wiffed the next three men in order.

There were no particularly bright pieces of work from either a fielding or a batting standpoint. Dyer's running catch of a high foul in the seventh being the only thing that had any sparkle to it.

Causland struck eight men as against ten for Mulcahey, but was much wilder, especially toward the end of the game. Mulcahey wasted very few pitches and in all 30 batters faced him.

Upton would have had a two-bagger in the third if he hadn't got lost in his way between first and second, mistaking the goal post in right field for second base. By the time he stroled back the ball was there waiting for him.

The Deming boys may return the game at El Paso within the next two weeks, not with any particular idea of reversing the verdict but because the El Pasoans paid their own expenses on this trip on the condition that the favor be returned.

Go to Meet Two Sons

W. A. Page left Sunday morning for Joplin, Mo., where he has received word his sons, Fred and George, will arrive between the 1st and 5th of May from France. They were at first members of the 42nd or Rainbow division, and later were transferred to the 88th. Being with the first troops sent overseas they have seen much hard service, seas they have seen much hard service. The people of Joplin, Mr. Page says, are preparing to give the boys of the 88th a grand welcome on their arrival there, where they will be mustered out of service.

On his way to Joplin, Mr. Page will stop for a short visit with a son who lives at Tar River, Okla.

Go to Fort Sam Houston

Supervisor Jay Elmer Fox, who has charge of the Knights of Columbus war activities work in the southwest, with headquarters at San Antonio, spent a few days here last week closing up their hall on Silver Avenue. The equipment was sent to other camps. The hall here was under charge of Jas. P. O'Brien who did splendid work, and he made many friends both among the soldiers and the citizens of Deming. He goes from here to become secretary of the organization at Camp Sam Houston, San Antonio, Texas for which place, accompanied by Mr. Fox he left Saturday.

Craig-Williams

(Silver City Independent)

James Craig, a well known cattleman of White Signal district and Miss Frances Williams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Stephens of Gold Hill were united in marriage at the Methodist parsonage at Deming on Wednesday. The contracting parties are popular young folks of the Gold Hill section and are receiving the congratulations of their many friends. Mr. Craig is a brother of Mrs. Dave Tullock of Deming and Mrs. Charles W. Holson of Silver City. Before returning to their homes the newlyweds spent a few days in Silver City.

S. A. Burchfield, superintendent of the O. U. R. ranch southeast of Deming, spent Sunday here with his father, W. P. Burchfield who is quite unwell. Mr. Burchfield informed us that his ranch had suffered great loss in the last three years, but the outlook is good now.

"V" LOAN CAMPAIGN ON

Luna County Expected to Raise \$128,000—Columbus Agrees to Raise \$27,000

Southern Pacific Band to Be Here Next Monday at 1:30 to Aid in the Work

J. A. Mahoney, Frank Nordhaus and others rolled up their sleeves and went to work on Monday of last week organizing a force to lead the Victory loan drive in Luna county, and if the \$128,000 expected of the people of this county is not raised it will not be the fault of those who are working to put it over. One of the first things done was to cover the city with Victory loan posters. Some very artistic displays appeared in the windows of many of the leading business houses and by Wednesday the city looked as if it might be preparing for a Fourth of July celebration.

On Tuesday a good crowd of Deming boosters went out to Columbus to assist that town in starting its drive. They met with a hearty reception and were assured that that part of the county would raise its quota of \$27,000.

This loan, as an investment, is more attractive than any that have been offered—the interest bearing rate being 4% per cent.

The Southern Pacific band will arrive here at 1:30 next Monday, May 5th to assist in the campaign, and the citizens of Deming and surrounding country are invited to meet at the park in front of the depot to enjoy the music and hear the speakers who are to be there to make addresses. Let everybody come out. Luna county put over the quotas assigned in the former loans, and she will not fail to respond to this final appeal from the nation for funds to meet the enormous expenses that were necessary to win the war and save civilization from destruction.

WHAT OF FUTURE OF N. M.'S HOSPITAL CAMPS?

John Tombs, Back from Washington, Thinks Camp Cody Has Chance for Continuance

John Tombs, head of the new health department of the state government, who returned a couple of days ago from Washington gave the Albuquerque Journal the following interview which throws some light upon the question of the future of New Mexico's hospital camps, including Cody:

"The biggest thing I ran into in the public health line while back east was the \$10,000,000 scheme of the United States public health service for the extension of their hospital and sanatorium system," said John Tombs, executive secretary of the New Mexico public health association yesterday. Mr. Tombs had just returned from a trip to Washington and other eastern cities.

Mr. Tombs stated that he believed New Mexico would receive considerable attention from the board that has been appointed to handle the matter. He was called into conference while in Washington, and states that four locations in New Mexico were under consideration at that time. The site occupied by the Hot Springs hotel at Las Vegas had been investigated by representatives of the bureau, and their report was in the main favorable, though it was the opinion of the committee that the buildings would have to be salvaged and new ones constructed.

Of Camp Cody, which was also under consideration, it was felt that the high winds and sand storms would be a detriment, though the presence of the base hospital buildings made the proposition look attractive from the standpoint of economy, even though the report stated that extensive alterations and repairs would be necessary before they could be used for tuberculosis patients.

Fort Bayard seemed to appeal to the health service men and although it is still in the hands of the army, it is understood that it may be relinquished to the public health service and that a decision will be reached in that connection before the end of the month. Although no decision has been actually arrived at, the general impression is that Fort Stanton will be abandoned and scrapped.

The fact that the law providing the \$10,000,000 has not been interpreted as giving the surgeon general power to purchase new sites or engage in new construction restricts the bureau somewhat in its choice of locations. But it is thought that any existing institution, however small, providing there is room for expansion and extension in a large way, through the acquisition of adjacent land, would come within the scope of the limitations which the bureau has to work under.